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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am concerned about AT&T's efforts to remove critical access to unbundled network elements for local providers.

I have been a customer of Sonic, which has provided excellent service to the local community for years, at a competitive price.

I am concerned that this move will limit access to the internet for many local customers (Including myself) who will not be able to afford increased rates.

The success of our economy depends upon a truly competitive market for goods and services. Access to the internet and telephone service is increasingly limited to a very small number of providers. Without competition, they are able to set prices at exorbitant rates.

I urge you to support broadband competition and deny the petition from AT&T and US Telecom to deny access to local competitors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Debora Hammond